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Selectman Collier Resigns Special Election November 4th

(Lamoine) — A job transfer has left a big

vacancy on the Lamoine Board of Selectmen. Bill Collier, the chairman of the Board for just over three years, has taken a job in Biddeford as the manager of a nursing home. He was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen last April, and selected to continue as chairman by the remaining board members after his re-election.

The town will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 to replace Bill's seat. Only one candidate, Richard Davis, Sr., has filed nomination papers to appear on the ballot. Mr. Davis was a selectmen for nearly two full terms, resigning for personal reasons in December 1995. The successful candidate will serve until the regular town meeting in 2000.

During his tenure on the Board of Selectmen, the town accomplished a great deal under Bill's leadership. The old town landfill was closed and capped, and the road naming and numbering system got under way. Bill oversaw the appointment of several personnel, including the new Code En-

forcement Officer. Bill's wife, Janice, and their son Thomas will live in Kennebunk. Janice was the secretary at the Lamoine Consolidated School until their departure. Thomas is entering 4th grade this fall.

Until the special election is held, the Board will function with remaining Selectmen Arthur Alley and Glenn Crawford.

Voting takes place during the statewide election on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 from 10 AM-8 PM.

On the state level, several bond questions are up for approval. The forestry issue which passed last fall, but not by a majority, faces a straight up or down vote. A constitutional amendment regarding voting qualification is on the ballot, as is a question regarding widening the turnpike.

The county vote involves a proposal to take out a bond for building an addition to the county jail. The debate on the jail issue is expected to be heated. The County Commissioners have yet to figure the budget impact of the question.

Two other issues set for local November 4th Vote

(Lamoine) — Voters in Lamoine, besides selecting a Selectman to serve until Spring, 2000 will decide a couple of other policy questions. One deals with the long term trash disposal contract with the PERC trash to energy plant in Orrington. The other deals with the issue of school transportation.

The PERC contract currently expires in the year 2003. Lamoine is a charter community of PERC, meaning the town is reimbursed a certain amount for the trash it

guarantees to send to the incinerator. The charter community agreements would extend to the year 2017. The move is needed to affirm a financing deal which would lower the cost of power sold to Bangor Hydro Electric by PERC, and to stabilize the trash disposal costs at approximately \$45/ton for the charter community towns. This fall, Lamoine is being charged over \$52/ton for trash disposal at PERC, the highest cost ever. Bangor Hydro is paying an extremely high price for power. That cost was forced upon the utility several years ago when the legislature forced power companies to purchase alternative power at high prices.

The charter towns, represented by the Municipal Review Committee, found that it was in the best interest of the towns to keep Bangor Hydro purchasing the

power, but to lower its costs so the utility could compete in a soon to be deregulated market. The Finance Authority of Maine approved a longer term on the loan for PERC which means a lower debt payment yearly, thus the lower cost to Bangor Hydro and the stable cost for trash disposal. The local question would authorize Lamoine to extend its contract with PERC under the new plan.

The other question will serve as an advisory vote only as the Lamoine School Committee explores the question of school bus transportation. The contract with the Laidlaw Company expires next summer. The school board has appointed a committee to explore continuation of contract busing or the possibility of the town purchasing buses and hiring, training, and paying its own drivers to transport students to school. The merits of each option will be discussed in public hearings sometime in October.

When Lamoine decided to enter into the contract busing field, the debate was fairly heavy. Several, including some school board members, felt the issue was not fully explored at the time. The advisory vote is not binding on the School Board.



New Classroom built just in time

(Lamoine) — A new portable classroom behind the Lamoine Consolidated School was completed just in time for students to attend classes beginning September 3rd. Some last minute location decisions in June and the UPS strike in August delayed completion of the project by the hoped for August 15th deadline. Some finishing work remained when school began, and that is completed by the contractor, Walker Builders, during the weekends. Air exchangers are due to be installed during Columbus Day Weekend.

The classroom actually houses three rooms. The 3rd grade class fills the largest of the rooms. A music room and special education room encompass the other two. It is larger, and better constructed than the one removed by the school this summer.

The classroom includes a handicapped accessible bathroom and running water for use by all students. The school committee and Selectmen met in early June and felt it would better suit the school if the building were located behind the present school instead of in the parking lot in front of the school building. This move made the site work a lot less expensive, and has freed up several parking spaces lost when the other portable was placed near the east wing and gym entrance. Access to the new portable is gained from the gym and from the outdoors. Handicapped accessible ramps lead into both entrances and exits of the building.

The teachers were most impressed by the construction work of Walker Builders, and especially like the shelving placed in the classrooms. The rooms themselves are bright and all have windows. The ramp on the school side of the classroom is enclosed by a roof which should keep the elements away.

The project will be paid without debt thanks to surplus accounts appropriated by the town meeting in April. The town budgeted \$90,000 for the project, and when all is tallied, it could come in a bit lower than the budgeted price.

Town Prevails in Bangor Hydro Abatement Case



Audit shows strong fiscal year

Tax Rate is lowest since revaluation of 1983

(Augusta) — Maine's Board of Environmental Protection sided with Lamoine and three other communities in a tax exemption request by Bangor Hydro Electric. The utility won initial approval from the DEP Commissioner Edward Sullivan to exempt from taxation transformer storage buildings in Lamoine, Lincoln, Veazie and Machias. Bangor Hydro argued that special construction techniques qualified the building as a water pollution control facility, and made those buildings exempt from taxation under state law.

The four towns teamed up to appeal the commissioner's ruling to the BEP. Attorney Richard Violette, the town attorney for Veazie, was hired jointly in order to keep costs down. The towns argued that the transformer storage buildings in question were not designed primarily for waste water treatment, but merely for containment of any spills in the materials stored inside.

On August 19th, the Board ruled in favor of the four communities. The ruling read that Bangor Hydro facilities "failed to meet the requirement that a water pollution control facility be installed, acquired or placed in operation primarily for the purpose of reducing, controlling or eliminating water pollution caused by industrial, commercial or domestic waste.

The ruling means that a property valued at \$109,100 will remain on the tax rolls. At this year's tax rate of 9.1 mills, the property will contribute just under a thousand dollars to the property taxes of Lamoine. The case cost each community \$583.50 to present.

Tax Liens Filed in July

(Lamoine) — Tax Collector Barbara Bartosenski filed tax liens on 52 pieces of property for unpaid 1996/97 taxes. The liens represent a total of \$31,191.66 still owed on last year's taxes which have not yet been paid by the property owners of record.

The filing compares to 39 liens filed in August 1996 for unpaid 1995/96 taxes totalling \$22,995.15.

By early September, the number of liens owed was down to 42, totalling \$24,415.35. There is no clear reason for the 33% increase in the number of liens filed.

Once a lien is filed, it remains active for 18 months. If it has not been paid within a year and a half after filing, the property automatically forecloses to the town which can sell it.

(Lamoine) — The Town of Lamoine continues to enjoy a very healthy financial position as of the end of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1997. The annual audit was swiftly completed by Dow & Wadman, P.A. of Ellsworth in August. The audited figures show an undesignated fund balance (surplus) of \$397,276.99. That's about \$40,000 more than June 30, 1997.

Much of the reason for the increase in surplus, despite a healthy amount being budgeted, was the better than expected collections of excise taxes, a very good return on invested funds, and a sale of gravel which was not budgeted. Expenditures were \$41,739.23 under budget. Had the budget been expended as planned, the surplus at the end of the year would have been about \$304,000.

The current year's surplus is budgeted for about \$72,000, which will leave \$325,000 at the end of the fiscal year. The budget committee feels \$300,000 should be the least amount the town should carry for surplus.

The audit found only one area of concern, and that is the small size of the town office staff. Audit guidelines suggest more separation of duties, however, the size of the town office staff would preclude that from happening. To fully meet the standards for segregation of duties, several more people would have to be hired.

The full audit is available at the town office for public inspection.

Assessments rise slightly for 1997

(Lamoine) — Assessments of taxable property rose approximately 1.9% between April 1996 and April 1997. For the current tax year, Lamoine has \$94,948,700 worth of taxable property. Another \$4,585,300 is tax exempt because it is either town or state owned, or qualifies for tree growth or veterans exemptions, or is owned by a tax exempt organization.

The assessments rose \$1,766,100 from the previous year. Much of the increase is because of a newly licensed gravel pit by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. In 1996 the land was valued at \$21,500. Because of the pit project, its new value is \$341,600. Bangor Hydro Electric also reported an increase in personal property costs, but may have double reported the increase. An abatement request was pending before the board of assessors.

(Lamoine) — Many taxpayers have expressed surprise at this year's property tax bill because of the substantial decrease from the previous year. The tax rate was set at 9.1 mills, down from 10.0 mills in 1996. That represents a 9-percent decrease.

When the town was revalued in 1993, the mill rate fell from 18.5 mills to 9.5 mills. The fair market value of the town approximately doubled. In 1994, the tax rate fell further to 9.2 mills. It increased to 9.95 mills in 1995.

The last time the mill rate was below 9 was in 1983 when the town was revalued. The mill rate was 7.7 mills that year, down from 14 mills the year before.

The new mill rate compares favorably to most towns in Hancock County. Many saw slight increases in their tax rate this year.

The 1.9% valuation increase, coupled with uses of fund balance accounts to fund much of the town side of the budget accounts for the tax rate drop. Revenues other than property tax account for more revenue to the town than it takes to fund the non-school and non-county portion of the 1997/98 municipal budget.

Fowler selected Chair of Assessors

(Lamoine) — E. Jane Fowler was elected the chair of the 3-member Lamoine Board of Assessors this summer. She succeeds Tom Bowen who retired after two years as chairman, and four plus years on the board.

Jane was elected to the Board of Assessors in a write-in campaign in 1995. Her term will expire at the next town meeting. It's the second time she has served as a member of the Board of Assessors.

Joining Jane on the board are Patricia Wallace, and newly elected assessor Joan Bragdon. The board, with the assistance of Tom Bowen, worked quickly to get the tax commitment ready for the summer. Assessment questions can be directed to the town hall and will be relayed to the board.

During the coming year, the board may further address the need for a quarter review by a professional appraisal agency. The measure was discussed a length during the budget process last year, but funding was cut as it was felt the town could wait another year.

The town has also received a proposal by a local firm to produce and update the tax maps. The maps are currently done by Eastern Mapping in Carmel, Maine.



The remains of a burned log home in Partridge Cove, one of three condemned by the Selectmen in August

Dangerous Buildings Ordered Removed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Selectmen ordered three property owners to have buildings removed from their land during a meeting in August. Two of the buildings are very old homes, but have become dilapidated to the point they are beyond repair. This third was a log home which burned six years ago in the Partridge Cove Subdivision.

The Selectmen received a complaint about the Kandl home on Lamoine Beach Road (route 184). An initial investigation by Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright determined it was indeed in a dangerous condition. A fully detailed report on

the building's history was prepared for the Board and presented in August.

Based on that complaint, the Code Officer also investigated a similar building on the Seal Point Road and found it to also be in a very dangerous condition. The owner, Ms. Neila McIntyre, has given permission to the fire department to burn that house for training purposes. It was the only building that would lend itself to burning safely.

The final building was destroyed by fire in 1991, but the shell and many metal items remain on the property. A neighboring property owner complained about its presence at the same time the Board and CEO were in the process of identifying buildings which should be removed.

The process of building removal, from a legal standpoint, is complex. A public hearing has to be held, the owners have to be contacted and findings made that the building is dangerous. The Selectmen have given all three homeowners 90-days to comply with the removal order. If the buildings are not removed properly, the town has the option of removing the buildings, and billing the owners for the demolition and disposal process.

The historical society was contacted on the two older buildings, and gave its blessing for removal. The Fire Marshal's Office said it no longer had any interest in the burned building.

Planning Board Selects New Chairman

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has selected Robert Sharkey to be the chairman of the board for the current fiscal year. Mr. Sharkey served as vice-chair of the board for the past few years. He replaces Doug Coleman who decided that he would step down after three years as chairman of the board. The rest of the board was unanimous in its praise of how Doug ran the board during his tenure.

Mr. Sharkey is employed as the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Bar Harbor. He is also Lamoine's representative to the Hancock County Planning Commission. He and his wife live on Seal Point Road.

Chosen as vice-chair was David Smallidge, now in his 3rd year on the Planning Board. Karen Eaton was reappointed by the Selectmen for another five year term this Spring, and will serve as the Board's Secretary again.

The Planning Board meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. Items to come before the board should be delivered to the town office at least two weeks in advance. The summer has been relatively quiet in terms of requests that must be handled by the board.

Comprehensive Plan Implementation moves slowly

(Lamoine) — A draft land use ordinance to implement the Comprehensive Plan has been scrapped as the Planning Board works to put the plan into action. Instead, the Board will make changes to the existing ordinances to bring the town into compliance with the plan which was approved in March, 1996.

The proposed ordinance from the Planning Commission was nearly 80 pages long, and it was felt the document was more complex than was needed to state what the town felt was needed.

During the early hearings on the process, concern was expressed regarding lot sizes over the sand and gravel aquifers. The re-drafted ordinance will contain those lot sizes approved by the Comprehensive Plan, but an amendment somewhere down the road is possible.

The Planning Board hopes to have some final versions of the plans ready for the Spring, 1998 town meeting. Besides a revised land use plan, a new mobile home park ordinance is also in the works. Several new committees are being set up by the Selectmen to implement other areas (see page 6.).



Building Activity Up

(Lamoine) — While 1997 has been a relatively slow year for building, the quality of construction has been very good, and things have started to pick up. The following permits were issued since the last edition of the Lamoine Quarterly:

Nbr	Name	Type
21	Perry Fowler	residence
22	Irving Wellman	deck
23	J & B Desjardins	residence
24	William Whitener	deck
25	Town of Lamoine	classroom
26	Patricia Wyshak	residence
27	M & C Martin	driveway
28	Ernest Payson	mobile home
29	Robert Tilden	workshop
30	Reginald Mann	deck
31	B & L Parlee	deck
32	G & M Hill	garage
33	Reginald McDevitt	residence
34	(pending)	
35	P & K Brown	addition
36	S & W Brann	residence
37	Lyndon Lofton	garage
38	Leon Clark	garage
39	Warren Craft	replacement

Permits are about 16% behind last years number issued at this time.

Appeals Board approves request

(Lamoine) — A request by the Donald Clark family to add a room onto their mobile home on Lamoine Beach Road was swiftly approved by the Board of Appeals. The request had to be denied by the Code Officer because of the size of the lot. The town office, knowing it would be denied assisted the Clark family in writing and applying for the variance to allow for the addition.

The new room, which is nearing completion, will accommodate Lisa Clark who has returned home from the hospital after her nearly fatal peritonitis attack. Lisa is doing better, has returned to school, and the family has been helped by tremendously by countless businesses and individuals.

Pit operators re-minded about waste

(Lamoine) — Following a complaint that land clearing material was hauled to one gravel pit, all pit owners were notified that practice violates the Waste Discharge Ordinance. The Selectmen can issue special permission under the ordinance for temporary brush storage.



Fire Dept. Auction

Nets nearly \$6,000

(Lamoine) — The 2nd annual firefighter's auction was held August 8th, and was a huge success. When the receipts are all counted, the auction will have brought nearly \$6,000 into the fire department.

The Friday night format brought many more bidders out than the previous year's Saturday morning date. Area businesses and many residents donated useful items and services to the auction. Virtually every gravel contractor in Lamoine donated gift certificates for several truckloads of materials. They brought in good prices. A like-new canoe also brought some heavy bidding. The canoe was donated by Jim Crotteau and Faith Perkins.

The auction has quickly become the major fund raiser for the fire department, one of three the department runs each year. On October 25th, the fire department will serve its annual chowder supper. Members will sell tickets door to door on the 19th of October.

Funds raised by the fire department go toward equipment purchases which supplement the town's taxpayer supported budget.

Dry Summer, but no wildfires

(Lamoine) — It didn't rain much in June. It rained even less in July. August brought even more sunshine. While it was good for tourists, it was bad for the forests, and at times, the forest fire danger was extremely high.

Lamoine and many other communities stopped issuing burning permits in June. The issuance resumed in late August when rains brought relief to the fire danger.

During the dry spell, there were no fire calls for any type of wildfire in Lamoine. The burning limitations apparently worked well statewide, as very few big fires were reported.

The dry weather did have a negative impact on a lot of gardens. Blueberry growers reported much smaller berries this year. That created a labor shortage, as rakers who are paid by the piece were reluctant to work on the less than ultimate productive fields.

Many trees started to turn color early because of the dry weather. The state department of Conservation has said the foliage this fall may be less spectacular than usual because of the dry weather. Fire ponds around town saw water levels drop, but they've started to return with the September rains.

Road Numbering Nearly Complete

(Lamoine) — The final drafts of the road numbering maps are nearing completion as the town converts its addresses to meet the Enhanced 911 emergency phone system. The process of matching building owners, property tax map numbers, old addresses and new addresses is under way.

The State Office of Geographic Information Services (OGIS) has worked with the town for just over a year in preparing the addresses. After three draft editions, the maps appear to be in pretty good shape.

Now, it's a matter of entering all the data into the computer. That process should be complete in just a few more weeks. The US Postal service is participating and will provide the town with a list of existing physical Rural Route addresses to use in the conversion process. If all goes well, the conversion could be set to take place in early 1998. The town plans to hold off changing addresses until after holiday card season.

The Selectmen recently agreed with our neighboring communities on where the numbering will start with shared roads. Those leading into Lamoine will have the lower numbers start from Routes 1 and 3, and ascending to the end of the road. The latest version of the maps reflect that numbering plan.

Another road has been identified for naming, this in the Marlboro area. The town has proposed that it be named Starfish Lane. You may recognize that as the name of a road off Lamoine Beach Road which was changed at town meeting last Spring. Unless the owner of the property has a serious objection to the name, the Selectmen will formally assign that name to the road. Brown Lane, which had been posted on that road will move down one lane, as the sign post was incorrectly posted. The change was approved in late September.



Recycling Rate Reported

(Augusta) — The recycling rate in Lamoine for 1996 came out to be 24%. This is much lower than the previous year when Lamoine was a member of Coastal Recycling, but it is a bit deceptive as well. Mid-way through 1996, the town left Coastal Recycling and had its recycling picked up privately. The few months the material was set to Coastal were not quantified, therefore we could take no credit for the recycling for nearly a quarter of the year. For 1997 we'll have exact recycling figures to report, which should show a marked improvement.

Fire Safety at very high level very few calls this summer

(Lamoine) — Despite the very dry summer, fire calls were few and far between for the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department. At the beginning of the summer, a couple of chimney fire calls brought firemen out, but they were quickly controlled. An automobile accident on Douglas Highway (Rte 184) saw the fire department called for traffic control. A young man who had just received his driver's license was slightly injured when he ran into a tree. The pickup truck he was driving had been registered just two days before the accident.

A call to the Richard Zerrien, Jr. home on Douglas Highway brought three trucks and many firefighters to the scene. Smoke was spotted rolling from the stove area of the home. It turned out to be a pan which had been left on the hot burner longer than it should have. The homeowners were able to remove the hot pan prior to the fire department's arrival, and no damage, other than to the handle of the fry pan, was reported.

Selectmen's Meeting Time Changed.

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen decided it would continue to meet on Thursday nights in order to better accommodate their schedules. The meetings come every other week. The Thursday meetings started in July to avoid some scheduling conflicts, and the board members found the timing handy.

Transfer Station Vandalized

(Lamoine) — The State Police are investigating vandalism done at the Lamoine Transfer Station in August. Two young men riding ATV's were seen on a Sunday afternoon tipping over recycling bins and dragging metals from the metal pile. Manager Allen Sternfield and trash hauler Rusty Boynton spent many hours cleaning up the mess.

Additionally, more littering is reported at the transfer station. Several bags of leaves have been left during the week outside the gates when the transfer station is closed. Leaves may be burned or composted, but are not acceptable waste. Leaving bags of trash at the gate is a violation of state law, and bags will be investigated for their source, and if determined, prosecution can result. The transfer station is open Fridays and Saturdays only. The open hours will change in November.

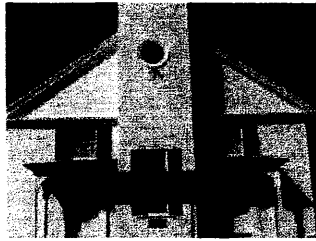
Historical Society Starts Fund Drive

by Jo Cooper, President

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Historical Society has launched a fund raising drive to save the 164 year old East Lamoine Meeting House. It was built in 1832, as the first Baptist church to be constructed in the area. This community landmark now has a gleaming new coat of paint, and at first glimpse looks much as it must have in its earliest days, when Lamoine citizens banded together to build it. But, the aging building has some serious restoration work ahead of it, if it is to survive long into a new century and continue to be a beautiful feature of our town.

The Historical Society has owned the building since the 1970's. After a long fund raising campaign that was aided in large part by Claude Monteux and his flute students' concerts, the society raised over \$20,000 and was able to have a full basement dug and moved the building onto the new foundation. The old foundation of granite blocks had shifted so much over the years that the stability of the building was threatened.

It was hoped that the new basement could also be used for a much-needed museum. But it was soon apparent that the high humidity in the basement could dam-



The historical society building in East Lamoine was freshly painted this summer, but more work is needed to save it.

The Committee did a survey of the entire building; as a result of their investigation, the Historical Society decided to proceed with painting the exterior and steeple, using funds that had been raised for that purpose through donations and also recently in memory of Eleanor Hodgkins. But the drainage problems threaten the integrity of the structure and must be resolved soon.

Estimates for drainage work are \$8,000; to complete the rear entrance to the basement: \$1,000; and the interior plaster work will cost around \$12,000. The Historical Society has set a fund raising goal of \$25,000 to pay for these repairs and to maintain the building.

Two recent generous donors have issued a challenge: they will each donate \$1,000 to the building restoration fund if their donations are matched.

age the collection of historic artifacts, papers and photographs. In subsequent years, it has become apparent that there is a drainage problem around the foundation. Donations may be sent to Henry J. Veilleux, Treasurer, Lamoine Historical Society, Berry Cove Road, Lamoine 04605, or may be given to a member of the board: Jo Cooper, President; Joe Lear, Vice-

A special Building Committee was formed this summer, chaired by Ted Emery. President; or Marion McFarland, Secretary.

Information sought on LeMoyne Inn

(Lamoine) — The new owners of the LeMoyne Inn near Lamoine Beach are looking for more information about the building. Charles and Marcia Hemingway eventually hope to operate the old Inn as a bed and breakfast, after renovations to the building are complete. The Hemingways would especially like old pictures of the familiar red building.

According to Mr. Hemingway, the Inn was built around 1795, when Maine was still part of Massachusetts. The DesIsles and Googins families supposedly constructed the Inn. Another home just up the road was also part of the inn at one time.

Noted playwright James Hearn wrote a play based on the Shore Acres Inn in the 1890's, not long after Lamoine became a town. Mr. Hemingway said the play supposedly was a sell-out in the large cities, and brought Mr. Hearn fame and a reputation for bringing realism to the stage. In one scene, the actors reportedly cooked a turkey in a woodstove on stage. Not much

was left from the old days of the inn when the Hemingways purchased the property in 1995. Pieces of an old plate were found in the attic. A guest book which supposedly exists somewhere is among the missing.

The sign was found in the attic, and the Hemingways have erected it once again, even though the building is not yet used as an inn. The sign has attracted many inquiries from passing tourists about staying the night. When the renovations are completed, the Hemingways hope to have four rooms to rent.

The inn has also been called the DesIsles Hotel, and the Terri Rand Tavern. In the Bangor Daily News in 1931, the inn was advertised as a "place of entertainment for man and beast". It was part of a once thriving shorefront tourism business in the Lamoine Beach area which included a wharf where lobster dinners were sold.

Anyone who may have old pictures can contact Mr. Hemingway at RR2 Box 225, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Water Filter System for Sale

(Lamoine) — One of two water filter systems installed by the town several years ago in private residences is no longer being used, and the Selectmen have decided to put it up for sale. The system filtered out the salt which had polluted two wells near the old salt/sand pile. The pollution has since cleared up from the water. Homeowner Ernest Payson has put in a new home, and took the filter out of the old mobile home and kindly returned it to the town office.

The system includes several filters and a large tank with a controller. There are also 12 bags of potassium chloride that come with it. The estimated current value is \$440. The successful buyer will install it themselves, and the town makes no guarantee as to its operation, but it was working just fine when it came out of the home. New, and installed, the system was worth about \$1,600.

Offers will be accepted at the Town Office until November 1, 1997. The unit will be sold to the highest bidder, but the Selectmen reserve the right to reject or accept any and all offers. The system can be viewed at the Town Office during regular business hours. To bid, send in the coupon below.

Water Filter Bid

I bid the following amount for the water filter system offered for sale by the Lamoine Town Office:

Name: _____

Address: _____

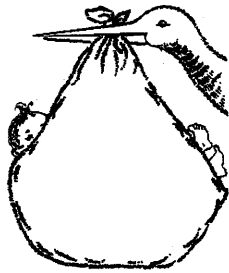
City, St. Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Please send to:

Lamoine Town Hall
Water Filter Bid
RR2 Box 53
606 Douglas Highway
Ellsworth, ME 04605

Deadline is November 1, 1997.
Winning bidder must pick up system.



Stork frequent visitor to Lamoine

(Lamoine) — After no births to report in the last issue of *The Lamoine Quarterly*, the young couples in town got busy. Several new arrivals are reported for this issue.

Karla Marie Butler was born on June 23, 1997 at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. Mom & Dad are Angie and Bill Butler. She's a real estate agent, he works for Credit Now and part time on the radio for Lucky 99 and Kiss 94.5. They live on Birchlawn Drive.

Emily Kathryn Rose arrived July 31, 1997. She's the daughter of Chris and Alisha Rose who live on Douglas Highway (Route 184). Her big brother Brandon is quite proud of his new little sister. Dad works for the Hinckley shipyard in Southwest Harbor. Mom says she may return to her job at Walmart. Grandparents are George "Skip" and Carol Smith who live just down the road. Skip is the fire chief.

Dylan Richard Kelley was born on August 8, 1997 to Stephen and Melissa Kelly at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor. Dad works on MDI in one of the boat building companies, and mom is a popular waitress at Helen's Restaurant. They live on Needle's Eye Road. Great Grandmother Muriel Butler lives on Buttermilk Road.

Jane Ann Parlee is the newest neighbor of the Lamoine Town Office. She was born on August 25, 1997 at Eastern Maine Medical Center to Bruce and Laura Parlee. They all live on Jordan River Road, right around the corner from the Town Hall.

Town Office Staff travels the world

(United Kingdom) — September brought vacations overseas for two of the town office staff. Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright travelled to Ireland for a two week trip. Terry Towne, the CEO in Mount Desert, filled in while she was gone.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Barbara Bartosenski and her husband John spent two weeks in Scotland on a return trip. They had visited a few years back and wanted to see the rest of the country, and do some genealogy.

Here Come the Brides (& Grooms)



(Lamoine) — Several marriages to report during the summer. Congratulations to the following couples who were married.

Susan Herrick and James Sanchez were married July 19th, 1997 in Winterport. They now live in California, but Susan still declares Lamoine as her home. She's the daughter of Hildred and Albert Herrick.

Dawn Campbell and Ronald Gray were married on August 16th, 1997 at the lovely Lucerne Inn. They are renting in Lamoine. Ronald recently sold a home on Birchlawn Drive. His brother, David, is the Lamoine School's baseball coach, and works as an Ed Tech for the school.

Irene Szurley and Paul Winkler chose another beautiful spot to get married, the Children's Chapel in Rockport. They were also married on August 16, 1997. They own a home on the Shore Road in Lamoine.

Remember, a marriage license must be obtained prior to the wedding. It must be on file with the town office for at least three full days. If you plan to marry in the near future, please contact the town office so we can help you with this important detail.

Administrator named Rookie of the Year

(Castine) — It's a little awkward writing about one's self, but it's noteworthy to mention. The Maine Town and City Management Association named Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon its "Rookie of the Year" for 1997. This was the first year the award was given out by the association which includes town and city managers across the state. The award was presented during the annual New England Management Institute in Castine.

On the job in Lamoine four and a half years, the criteria for the award is that it's given to a manager with less than five years experience. The Selectmen were gracious enough to nominate me for the award, for which I'm very thankful.

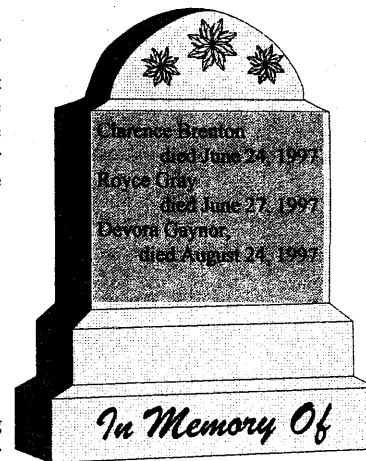
Several Personnel Changes at Lamoine School

(Lamoine) — The new school year brought in a large contingent of new faces, and not just in the Kindergarten Class. Several people have been hired by the school to fill vacant positions.

Among those leaving Lamoine during the summer were 8th grade teacher **Rosemary Burdick**, 5th grade teacher **Cynthia Borden-Chisholm**, Physical Education teacher **Michael Hammer**, guidance counselor **Charisse Stanko**, Ed Techs **Jane Nelson** and **Christine Cuskelly**, and secretary **Janice Collier**.

New faces include **Nancy Davis** (5th grade), **Christopher James** (8th grade), Phys Ed teacher **Michelle Davis**, guidance counselor **Linda Bernstein**, aides **Lee Ann Allan**, **David Gray** Chapter I teachers **Alice Hobbs** and **Donna Healey**, and secretary **Lisa Crosby**.

With the new employees, the school now employs three Mrs. Davis's (teachers Laurie and Nancy, principal Sheryl), and one Miss Davis (phys. ed. teacher Michelle). Principal Sheryl Davis (no relation to the others) says it may be a bit confusing for a while keeping all those Davis's straight.



New Committees Named

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen have asked the following people to serve on committees:

Marine Resources - Bruce Chamberlain, David Herrick, Richard Fennelly, Jr., Bill Pinkham; **Elderly & Housing** - Dartha Reid, Nancy Ford, Tammy Dickey; **Mobile Home Park Ordinance & Impact Fee** - Charlie Major, Terry Towne, Bob Sharkey. The first meetings come in October.

Friends of State Park report successful summer

(Lamoine) — The first full year of operation for the Friends of Lamoine State Park was met with unexpected financial success. Wood cut from the park was left by the park headquarters for use as campfire wood. Campers could donate to the "friend" fund for a bundle of wood. By August, over \$700 had accumulated from the sale of the wood. The group, duly incorporated under Maine law, is now in the process of obtaining a federal tax ID number to open a bank account.

The friends helped bring in portable, handicapped accessible toilets to the park to accommodate those who use the park and harbor, and who have special needs. A streetlight installed over the harbor last fall is working nicely, but has prompted a couple of complaints from the Salisbury Cove area because of its intensity. Calls to friends officials and the town office claimed the light reduces their visibility of the stars at night. The situation was found to have little merit, as the light is located more than a half mile away from the complainant. It is seen as a public safety feature for sailors and fishermen who use the area at night, and also serves as a navigational marker. The light will remain as is for now.

Some exciting developments at the Lamoine State Park in the next year. The town has received plans for construction of a new shower and bathroom facility for the park. It's a fairly large structure, and will assist in attracting campers to the park, and help them meet personal hygiene needs while there. The state is apparently in the process of bidding out the project.

Supper planned for seriously ill man

(Lamoine) — A Mount Desert man with strong family ties to Lamoine is recovering from brain surgery, but faces many months of difficult radiation treatment. Gordon McIntyre, husband of Linda Boynton McIntyre, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in early September.

The fire department will help serve a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 2, 1997 at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine School. Doreen Boynton, his mother-in-law, will help coordinate the fund raiser. At the Seafood Ketch in Tremont, the net proceeds from October 5th will go into a fund. The owners are from Lamoine and related.

Gordon was operated on at Eastern Maine Medical Center in September, and doctors believe they got 90-95% of the tumor.

Town Parks Committee Gearing Up

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Parks & Recreation Committee has a new chairman. Richard "Rick" Davis, Jr. agreed to lead the committee for the coming year. The committee has also added Bob Clewley as an alternate member. Karen Eaton will remain as Secretary.

One thing under consideration is the town's involvement in cemetery maintenance and funds. The town currently holds funds on several plots in three cemeteries, two of which are controlled by private cemetery associations. The interest from the funds is paid to the cemetery associations annually. Additionally, the town pays for flags for veterans graves at Memorial Day, and for maintenance of the veterans lots. There may be a move at next Spring's town meeting to turn those funds over to the private cemetery associations.

The committee is also studying the needs at the two town parks. Grills at Lamoine beach will be looked at, and the fence between the park and a private landowner may either be removed or repaired.

The committee is also exploring expansion of the playground at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

Road Work Completed in September

(Lamoine) — Several relatively small scale road projects were completed in September, improving drainage on several roads. The parking lots at the fire department and Lamoine Beach park were re-paved in July.

Much of the work was performed on Buttermilk and Needle's Eye Road. On Buttermilk Road, ditching on the lower end of the road was performed by Richard King, Inc., and completes the ditch system on both sides of the road. This will make a paving project planned for the 1998/99 fiscal year last that much longer. An area that traditionally heaves with frost will be watched and may be reconstructed prior to paving.

Shore Road will be fixed up at the Eastern intersection with Lamoine Beach Road. The town is working with a landowner to obtain a drainage easement to cut down on the puddling problem on that road. Another drainage easement on Needle's Eye Road is also being sought in order to fix a problem on that road. Both projects, if performed, should cut down on ice buildup during the winter.

Jay Fowler has also performed some road work for the town this summer.



New sign graces Town Hall

(Lamoine) — For the past several years, the Selectmen have been trying to replace the outdoor sign at the Town Hall. One year the parks & recreation group said they might do something, but the prices were too high. Another year, it got put by the wayside. Last May, the Selectmen asked that a new sign be purchased, and prices sought.

Sign maker Dave Ritton of Corinna was chosen to make the new sign, with space for meeting announcement letters. It was constructed in June, and picked up in July.

Gary & Jason Googins, Lamoine carpenters, were hired to install the sign on new posts. That was completed in early August.

The project cost less than \$600, part of that was paid in the prior fiscal year. \$1,550 was budgeted for a sign this year. The excess funds may be used to purchase a flag pole for the town hall.



Adult Education Possible

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School Committee is seeking feedback on interest in an adult education program. If there is enough interest, the Lamoine School could be utilized for classes.

The school board would like to know what people might be interested in learning about in the evening. What hours would be the best and what night folks are available would be helpful.

Beside those desiring to take courses, the School Committee needs people to teach courses. There is a lot of talent in town. Courses could range from sewing and quilting, to quantum physics, and there are people around qualified to do that. One does not need a teaching degree to hold an adult ed class. If you have a talent or a heightened interest, the School Board would like to hear from you.

No time table is yet set for determining when adult ed classes can start, but at least one school committee member would like to have something in place by winter, if the interest is there.

To contact the school, call 667-9578 and ask for principal Sheryl Davis.

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31-Selectmen, warrant signing only	25-Office Closed, Merry Christmas	18-4:15 PM Selection	11	10	3	6
1-6:30 PM School Cmts	2-7:00 PM Planning Board	4-6:15 PM Selection	5	12	19	26
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